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(b) whether the Chittoor District Educational Council made a similar recommendation to the Government; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken on them?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government declined to comply with the request that the number of representatives of teacher-managers on the District Educational Council, Chittoor, might be raised from *two to four*.

Grants to aided schools.

* 88 Q.—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that most of the District Educational Councils have reduced grants for the aided schools, in some cases for three years consecutively;

(b) whether the hon. Minister proposes to place sufficient funds in the hands of the District Educational Councils to avoid such reductions in future; and

(c) whether the hon. the Minister proposes to increase the scale of teaching grants to aided schools under the Grant-in-Aid Code?

A.—(a) In the case of some District Educational Councils the allotments for payment of teaching grants placed at their disposal were less than their demands and these councils will have had to reduce the grants correspondingly.

(b) There is no such proposal at present. The question of altering the present procedure in the distribution of teaching grants with a view to secure uniformity in all districts and to base the allotments on the actual requirements of District Educational Councils instead of on their demands, is under consideration.

(c) No.

Grants to the Boy Scouts Association.

* 89 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Boy Scouts Association have asked for increased grants; and

(b) what amount is proposed to be provided for them in the coming budget?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The application of the Association for an increased grant is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I ask whether the hon. Minister is aware that several provincial Governments as well as Native States have been much more liberal in giving grants to the Boy Scouts Association and whether he will bear this in mind in coming to a decision on this question?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I regret to have to say that the Government have since passed order and that they have not found it possible to increase the grant during the coming year and as regards any extra liberality in future years, I cannot say anything at present."

Visit of His Excellency the Governor to the Government College, Mangalore.

* 90 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether His Excellency the Governor visited the Government College, Mangalore, in October 1930 ;

(b) if so, whether at the time of his visit the majority of the students were wearing Gandhi caps on the said occasion, and if so, how many ;

(c) whether any objection had been raised by any District Official against students wearing the same, at the time of His Excellency's visit, and if so, by whom, when and under what circumstances ; and

(d) whether any instructions were issued by the Government against students wearing Gandhi caps in schools, colleges or at public functions ; if so, what are the instructions and under what circumstances they were issued ?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) & (c) The Government have no information.
(d) No.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I do not think any useful purpose will be served by calling for this information."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" May I ask whether the hon. the Minister for Education has not seen an order of the Inspector of Schools to the effect that there is objection as such to the wearing of Gandhi caps ? I found some headmasters objecting to the wearing of Gandhi caps."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" All complaints against headmasters like those mentioned by my hon. Friend have to come to the notice of the Government and if such complaints are received and are such as to justify action being taken on them, the Government will then think of the matter."

Assistant Professors in Education Department.

* 91 Q.—Mr. T. SUNDARA RAO NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether anything has been done since March 1927 to improve the conditions of service of Assistant Professors in Education Department ?

A.—A selection grade for 5 per cent of the cadre, carrying a pay of Rs. 250—10—300 has been sanctioned with effect from 1st April 1929.